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SUBJ: GERMAN ETHNIC MIGRATION FROM ROMANIA: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY
REFS: (A) STATE 21881; (B) STATE 22812 (NOTAL)

1. AS REQUESTED, CONSUL CONTACTED FRG EMBASSY JANUARY 30 AND WAS INFORMED THAT NONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS LISTED IN PARA (3) REFTEL HAS EVER VISITED FRG EMBASSY SEEKING ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING FAMILIES ARE REGISTERED AT FRG EMBASSY AS ETHNIC GERMANS AND COULD BE ISSUED VISAS IF THEY OBTAINED PASSPORTS AND VISITED EMBASSY: KRAUS, SINGER, BUHN, GOLLNER AND LIANE AND OTTMAR SCHMIDTS.

2. DURING CONVERSATION XZG CONSUL INDICATED (A) THAT FRG IS BASICALLY SATISFIED WITH ROMANIAN APPROVAL RATES; (B) THAT EMBASSY ESTIMATES NUMBER OF ETHNIC GERMANS IN ROMANIA AT 400,000; AND (C) THAT EMBASSY HAS RECORDS OF 80,000 CASES, COMPRISING ESTIMATED 320,000 PERSONS WHO APPEAR ELIGIBLE TO BE ISSUED FRG IMMIGRANT VISAS.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT ANY US ACTION TO ASSIST WOULD BE
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INAPPROPRIATE SINCE SUCH ASSISTANCE IS NOT SOUGHT BY FRG. HOWEVER, WE ARE ASSISTING FRG EMBASSY INDIRECTLY BY ISSUING PRO-FORMA C-1 (TRANSIT) VISAS OR IMMIGRANT VISA TO QUALIFIED ETHNIC GERMANS WHO HAVE FRG IMMIGRANT VISAS, BUT WHOSE PASSPORT BEARS EXIT VISA FOR THE US. WE ESTIMATE TOTAL ISSUANCE OF SUCH VISAS TO 200 PERSONS IN 1977.

4. FRG EMBASSY STATED THAT INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT DESCRIBED ABOVE IS HELPFUL IN ASSISTING ETHNIC GERMANS TO LEAVE ROMANIA AND WISHES ITS CONTRIBUTION. ON THE OTHER HAND, WHEN THE US CONSUL SUGGESTED CONSIDERATION OF SIMILAR ACTIVITY BY THE FRG EMBASSY TO ASSIST PERSONS SUCH AS ROMANIAN EXIT VISAS FOR THE FRG WHO INTEND TO PROCEED TO VIENNA TO APPLY FOR US ENTRY, RESPONSE WAS NEGATIVE. FRG CONSUL MADE CLEAR THAT FRG'S ONLY INTEREST WAS TO ASSIST ETHNIC GERMANS TO LEAVE ROMANIA AND NOT TO PROMOTE GENERAL EMIGRATION OF ROMANIANS FROM ROMANIA.

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